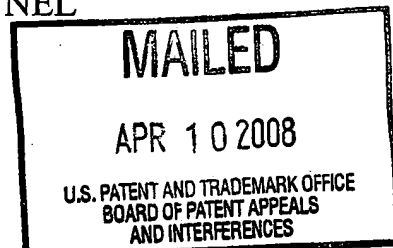


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 11, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on November 26, 2007. There is no indication on the record that the above Information Disclosure Statement was considered by the Examiner. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's consideration is required.

CONCLUSION

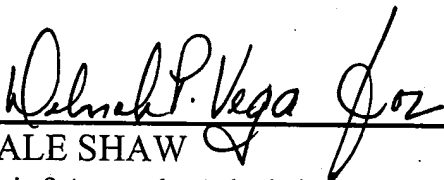
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) for consideration and acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 26, 2007; and
- 2) for further action as may be appropriate.

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